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1. REFTELS (A) AND (B) PROVIDED FOR CARE AND FEEDING OF THE
KHMER RADIOS AS FOLLOWS: PROVISION OF SPARE PARTS IS
RESPONSIBILITY OF AID THROUGH USE OF NARCTOCIS FUNDS WHILE
MAINTENANCE OF RADIOS IS RESPONSIBILITY OF HOST COUNTRY.
DEA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING ADEQUACY OF THIS MAIN-
TENANCE AND INITIATING OR PROPOSING ALTERNATE COURSE OF

ACTION SHOULD IT PROVE INADQUATE.

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2. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT POLICY ON MAINTENANCE BE RE-CONSIDERED FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: (A) CONVERSATIONS WITH KHMER OFFICIALS AND REFERENCED MESSAGES PRIOR TO REFTELS (A) AND (B) REVEAL THAT UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH USG AND GKR THROUGHOUT WAS NEVER FOR THE GKR TO PROVIDE MAINTNENANCE TS-ELF BUT FOR U.S. AGENCY TO DO IT; (B) KHMER UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT ADEQUATELY BECAUSE, AS STRESSED BY KHMER NARCOTICS DIRECTORATE (KND) CHIEF, IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR KN TO GET FUNDS FOR SUCH MAINTENANCE AT THIS TIME.

3. IT SEEMS TO US THAT MOTOROLA, WHICH HAS MAN IN PHNOM PENH WHO INSTALLED RADIOS AND IS FAMILIAR WITH THEM, IS LOGICAL CHOICE FOR MAINTENANCE. REFTEL (F) STATED THAT MONTHLY MAINTENANCE COST PROPOSED BY MOTOROLA REP SAIGON TOTALS \$149.25 MONTHLY. WE AGREE WITH KND

DIRECTOR'S ESTIMATED THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR HIM TO GET THIS SUM FROM THE GKR BUDGET AT THIS TIME. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY PROPOSES THT USG PAY THE MAINTENANCE COSTS, POSSIBLY THROUGH NARCOTICS FUNDS. OTHER POSSIBILITY PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BETWEEN EMBASSY AND DEA SAIGON AND BANGKOK WAS FOR MAINTENANCE TO BE PROVIDED BY A SAIGON EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER ON PERIODIC TRIPS TO PHNOM PENH. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THIS CAMHOT BE ARRANGED. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IT WOULD BE SIMPLER AND SAVE BOTH US LABOR AND HEADSPACE TO PAY MOTOROLA'S MONTHLY CHARGE.

4. IF DECISION TO FIND MAINTENANCE COSTS IS NOT MADE NOW, WE WILL ONLY HAVE TO SOLVE MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM AT LATER DATE WHEN RADIOS HAVE DETERIORATED THROUGH GKR INABILITY TO SERVICE THEM PROPERLY.
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